

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Education Community  
FROM: Michael Hock, State Assessment Director  
SUBJECT: Smarter Balanced Field Test  
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27 Vermont elementary, middle, and high schools will begin the Smarter Balanced Field Test on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, joining more than 3 million students in 20,000 schools across the Smarter Balanced member states.

This Field Test has two major purposes:

1. Try out the test questions to ensure that they will provide a fair and accurate assessment for ALL students, and
2. Test the delivery system to uncover any challenges that need to be remedied before the official launch of the Smarter Balanced assessment in spring 2015.

The Field Test permits the [27 Vermont schools](#) and their students to have an advanced look at the new assessment. As we stated in the [NECAP press release](#), no student or school scores will result as this is a field test.

We are excited that the Field Test schools have volunteered to participate in this major undertaking. Vermont students will help the Agency to ensure that the new computer adaptive assessment system will provide ALL students with a positive and productive educational opportunity.

Have you checked out the Smarter Balanced Portal? Learn more about the Field Tests, and the Practice and Training Tests here: <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/>.

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